

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

1 1. (previously presented) A hand-held device for transferring a film from a
2 backing tape onto a substrate, said device comprising:

3 a housing in which a supply of the backing tape is arranged;
4 an application member projecting from said housing and having a front end
5 with a free end and at least a first application edge and a second application edge, the
6 backing tape being wound around said free end and said application edges of said
7 application member and extending into said housing with tape sections at a lower
8 longitudinal side of said application member facing the substrate during operation and at
9 an upper longitudinal side of said application member opposite said lower longitudinal
10 side; and

11 a third application edge projecting from said lower longitudinal side of said
12 application member between said first application edge and said second application
13 edge;

14 wherein:

15 said second application edge projects from said lower longitudinal side of
16 said application member.

1 2. (previously presented) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein:
2 said first and second application edges have mid-central planes enclosing an
3 angle of approximately 30° to 120°.

1 3. (original) A hand-held device according to claim 2,
2 wherein said mid-central planes of said first and second application edges
3 enclose an angle of about 45° to 90°.

1 4. (canceled)

1 5. (previously presented) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein:

2 the height of at least one of said second application edge and said third
3 application edge is greater than the cross-sectional dimension of said first application
4 edge.

1 6. (previously presented) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein:
2 said application member has a shaft; and
3 the height of at least one of said second application edge and said third
4 application edge is greater than the cross-sectional dimension of said shaft of said
5 application member.

1 7. (previously presented) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein:
2 the cross-sectional shape of at least one of said second application edge and
3 said third application edge is convergent.

1 8. (original) A hand-held device according to claim 7, wherein:
2 the cross-sectional shape of at least one of said second application edge and
3 said third application edge is wedge-shaped.

1 9. (previously presented) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein:
2 said housing has a lower border and a bottom side; and
3 said second application edge extends beyond at least one of said adjacent
4 lower border of said housing or said bottom side of said housing.

1 10. (original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein:
2 said housing has a lower border and a bottom side; and
3 said second application edge extends beyond at least one of said
4 adjacent lower border of said housing or said bottom side of said housing.

1 11. (original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein said application
2 member has a front end portion movable upwards against an elastic restoring force.

1 12. (previously presented) A hand-held device according to claim 11, wherein:
2 said application member has a rear end portion fixedly held in said housing;

3 and

4 said application member is elastically flexible in a vertical direction in at
5 least a partial area of its length.

1 13. (original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein said application
2 member is rotatably mounted about a swivel axis extending in said housing upwards against
3 an elastic restoring force.

1 14. (original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, further comprising at
2 least one guiding web projecting backwards from a backside of said second application edge
3 on at least one side, said guiding web having an inner side guiding the backing tape being
4 wound around said second application edge.

1 15. (original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein said second
2 application edge is offset backwards in relation to said first application edge in a direction
3 closer to said housing.

1 16. (original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein said first
2 application edge is the front end of a longitudinally extending shaft of said application
3 member.

1 17. (original) A hand-held device according to claim 1, wherein said application
2 member is formed with a necking.

1 18. (original) A hand-held device according to claim 17, wherein:
2 said application member has a rear end closer to said housing than
3 said front end; and
4 said necking is formed at said rear end of said application member.

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